

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 715

By Hawk

A RESOLUTION to commend Charles Beasley for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Charles Beasley is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beasley has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Charles Beasley has served with acumen and alacrity as the Highway Superintendent in Trousdale County since 1976, making him the longest-serving highway official in the State of Tennessee with thirty-six years of estimable service; and

WHEREAS, this longstanding history of success runs in the Beasley family, as Mr. Beasley's father, Sam Beasley, was first elected to the same position in 1948 and served for twenty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, Charles Beasley joined his father's staff full-time upon his high school graduation in 1958, having worked at the highway department the previous summer; under the astute leadership of the Beasleys, a majority of the roads in Trousdale County have been paved, allowing for easier maintenance of the roads over the years; and

WHEREAS, today, Mr. Beasley's department maintains approximately 200 miles of road and closely manages its budget in purchasing hot mix for paving roads, which has become increasingly costly over the years as oil prices have risen; and

WHEREAS, Charles Beasley remains optimistic about Trousdale County's future, acknowledging that, while finances are going to be a major issue for the County for quite some

time, the highway department is fiscally sensible and is always looking for ways to reduce costs without cutting services; and

WHEREAS, as part of Mr. Beasley's initiative to cut costs, the highway staff has worked four ten-hour days per week in place of a more traditional work week for the last two years, which has increased productivity and decreased maintenance and fuel costs needed for moving equipment from one area to another; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his notable career achievements, Charles Beasley served as President of the Tennessee County Highway Officials Association from 1982 to 1983; and

WHEREAS, during his laudable career in public service, Mr. Beasley has made innumerable contributions to the betterment of the State of Tennessee and this great Nation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beasley's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Charles Beasley is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beasley is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Charles Beasley for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as the dean of county highway officials, salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.